Bonanza Air Lines Gets Reno-Phoenix

Major beneficiaries of CAB's decision in the Additional California-Nevada Service Case will be Southwest Airways, which gets several additional route points and several skip-stop authorizations, and Bonanza Air Lines, Inc., of Las Vegas, which was designated for a three-year feederline certificate conditional upon certain showings.

All other applications in the case were either deferred or denied by the June 17 decision, except that Trans World Airline was authorized to carry local mail between Las Vegas and Los Angeles and United Air Lines was allowed to serve Reno on the Seattle-San Diego segment of its route system.

Bonanza, which presently operates scheduled intrastate service between Las Vegas and Reno, will get the Phoenix-Reno route certificate after making a showing of its financial ability to operate the route and after completing arrangements for the acquisition of TWA's Phoenix-Las Vegas and Phoenix-Boulder City route authorizations.

TWA had applied for permission to sell the Phoenix-Las Vegas segment to Arizona Airways, but CAB said the public interest would be better served if local air service between Phoenix and Las Vegas be provided in conjunction with Las Vegas-Reno service by Bonanza rather than by Arizona. The Board held that traffic potential of the route is too light to support two feederlines.

Intermediate stops Bonanza is authorized to serve between Reno and Phoenix are Carson City-Minden, Hawthorne, Tonopah, Death Valley (on a seasonal basis), Las Vegas, Boulder City, Kingman and Prescott.

SWA Awards. Southwest was granted additional route points, got permission to use Long Beach as a co-terminal with Los Angeles and Burbank, and was required to serve only four intermediate points on flights between the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas and only three intermediates on flights north from Sacramento or the Bay Area to Medford, Ore.

Additional points granted SWA were Paso Robles, Crescent City and Oroville, and other points were added to its system by designating Santa Cruz as Santa Cruz-Watsonville, Vallejo as Vallejo-Napa, Eureka as Eureka-Arcata and Dunsmuir as Dunsmuir-Mt. Shasta.